

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 28th March 2010

Holy Week begins today! We enter the defining moments of Christ's final days in Jerusalem and allow the power of the grace poured out on Calvary to touch our lives and renew us. There is going to be much happening and it can be such a tiring time but the experience and the fruits take us to eternity! We carry the whole community - especially as we celebrate the Sacred Triduum and these Three Days give us a taste of eternity.

On Monday evening we have the Service of Reconciliation. This sacrament affords us a chance to make our peace with God and with others in readiness for the celebration of Christ's Death and Resurrection. On Maundy Thursday evening there is a variety of times for the Mass of the Lord's Supper; hopefully one will be just right for you. On Good Friday as well as the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion, there is the opportunity to join in an Ecumenical Act of Witness in Woodhall from 10.30 - 11.30am or in the town centre at Howardsgate at 11am. So many people nowadays have very little idea of what lies at the heart of Christianity; this is one way of proclaiming our Faith. On Holy Saturday Night, the Easter Vigil is going to be presided over by Bishop George Stack. Three adults are going to be baptised, three are going to be received into the Catholic Church and they and five others are going to complete their Initiation into the Church through Confirmation and Holy Communion. While they celebrate the sacraments for the first time, we will renew our Baptismal Promises and proclaim the Resurrection. This joy will overflow into Easter Sunday itself and our Easter Masses. There will be services for the children, but I would encourage parents to bring their children to as much as is possible.

May God watch over you and your loved ones. May this Holy Week be filled with Christ's loving presence. God bless you! ***Fr. Norbert***

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION Monday 7pm at St. Bonaventure's. Several priests will be available for Confession. On Holy Saturday there will be Confessions at St. Bonaventure's from 10am-10.30am.

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS! It would be lovely to have as many as possible taking part in the Easter Triduum Services.

OUR LADY'S: Practice for Maundy Thursday (8pm Mass) on 1st April at 7.30pm and for Good Friday (5pm Service) on 2nd April 9.30-10.30am.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S: Practice for Maundy Thursday (6pm Mass) on 1st April at 5.30pm and for Good Friday (3pm Service) on 2nd April at 2.30pm.

HOLY FAMILY Have had their practice.

JOINT EASTER VIGIL (8pm on Saturday 3rd April): Practice at Our Lady's on Saturday 3rd 11am - 12noon. *Please would servers sign up for the various services on the lists in each sacristy.*

CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP As part of our children's involvement in the Holy week and Easter liturgies there will be an Easter Workshop for all children this Tuesday 30th March from 4pm - 6pm at St. Bonaventure's. Come and add some plants to our outdoor garden, make a garden of your own, make some Easter things, join in an Easter egg hunt, prepare for our Way of the Cross, play some games and have a 'Happy Easter Tea'. We ask for a donation of £2 per child to cover some of our costs. Please bring a small amount of food. Parents welcome.

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS Good Friday 10am at St. Bonaventure's and 12noon at Our Lady's.

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY At Holy Family. There will be a special Children's Liturgy session on Good Friday during the 3pm service. The children will act out the story and take part in related activities. All children are welcome including the First Communion children who normally stay in the church during Sunday Mass.

WEEKEND IN OSTEND AND BRUGES The coach is two-thirds full. If you are interested in going for the weekend of 23rd/24th October, price £99 (children under 12 £64), please give in a deposit of £30 as soon as possible. There are booking forms at the back of the church.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE There will be a Day Pilgrimage by coach to Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham, Norfolk on Saturday 22nd May. Fr. Michael will be leading the group. It should be an excellent day. More details soon.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS Both Our Lady's and Holy Family Primary Schools are in need of Foundation Governors. These governors are appointed by the Diocese and uphold the Catholic Faith and support the life of the school. If you would like to find out more, please contact Fr. Norbert.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH Did you know that there is a Jain Temple in Potters Bar? The Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group have invited two of their community to come and talk about their faith on Tuesday 20th April at 7.30 in the Park Lounge, Campus West. All welcome. For further details contact Reynold Rosenberg on 01707 880941.

PLANNED GIVING If you haven't already done so please collect your new set of envelopes. If you requested envelopes, Standing order form or Gift Aid form these should be available for you on the table at the back of the church.

HELP WITH THE EASTER VIGIL We will need help with setting up Our Lady's Hall for a celebration after the Easter Vigil. If you can provide refreshments and/or would be willing to serve them, please let Fr. Norbert know.

Also, if there are any who will need lifts to the Easter Vigil at Our Lady's or who would be willing to offer transport, please give your names and contact details to Fr. Norbert

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING - cleaning and preparing the church for Easter will take place next Saturday 3rd April at 10am. Everyone is invited to help with this work. Maintenance of the grounds will take place at this time also.

SOUL MATTERS A day meeting (10.30am - 3.30pm) on Saturday 17th April at the Focolare Centre, organised by the 'World of Health', a group which meets to consider spiritual and moral aspects of health. At this meeting, Dr. Mabel Aghadiuno a GP and author of 'Soul Matters - The spiritual Dimension within Healthcare', will be speaking. For further information and booking see poster on noticeboard.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S COFFEE GROUP SPRING BRING & BUY Last Sunday's sale raised £292.12 for Chile. Thank you for your support.

POST-CONFIRMATION GROUP A number of young people from last year's Confirmation Group met at the Focolare Centre on Friday 5th March and have agreed to meet there again on Sunday 18th April 7.30 - 9pm to plan events for the coming months. Any who missed the meeting would be most welcome on the 18th.

ALTAR SERVERS' MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL will be on Saturday 24th April. All our servers are most welcome to attend; they will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. They will need to bring their vestments. We will meet at WGC Station at 12noon and take the 12.20 train. Mass will be at 2.30pm and then we'll go for something to eat. Please let Fr. Norbert know if you are coming.

TRIP TO INDIA Fr. Norbert is hoping to organise a trip to India next year 2nd - 16th February. One week in the north - Delhi, Jaipur and Agra and a week in Goa. If you are interested or would like more information, come to a meeting in the lounge of Our Lady's Hall on Sunday 25th April at 4 pm.

VISIT TO ST. JOHN'S, DIGSWELL Reverend Carl Garner, the Vicar of St. John's, Digswell has kindly invited the Catholic community to visit his church, part of which dates back to the early Middle Ages, on Sunday 27th June. The visit will start with a tour at 3.30pm followed by tea and will finish with a time of prayer. Keep this date free!

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be celebrated on 3rd July at 11am at Our Lady's. The Mass and Reception will be organised by the SVP. Another date for your diaries!

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TIMES OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's
	7pm	Reconciliation Service	St. Bonaventure
Tuesday	9am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family

EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday

6pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	St. Bonaventure
7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Holy Family
8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Our Lady's

Good Friday

10am	Children's Way of the Cross	St. Bonaventure
12noon	Children's Way of the Cross	Our Lady's
3pm	Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion	St. Bonaventure
3pm	Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion	Holy Family
5pm	Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion	Our Lady's

Holy Saturday

8pm	Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter	Our Lady's
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Easter Sunday

8am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
10am	Mass	Holy Family
12noon	Mass	Our Lady's
6pm	Mass	St. Bonaventure

CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain, Mrs Bernadette Cassidy, on 07884187463